

A State of the Grounds of the Application to Parliament, for Opening a new Street from the Mansion-House of the City of London, and making other Improvements.

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THE Prebendal Estate of *Finsbury* contains seventy-eight Acres in a line North from *Moor-gate* to the City-Road.

THIS Estate is not within the Limits of the City, but held by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of the City of *London*, by Lease, at the Rent of 39*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and their Term now to come is about sixteen Years.

THE Income of this Estate by Rents and Fines to the City, as it has been lett out and managed, upon an Average, is supposed never to have exceeded 1600*l.* per Annum.

THE Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of the said City, are also the Owners of a considerable Part of the Houses which stand in a Direction northward, between the *Mansion-House* and the said Prebendal Estate, the Rest being the Property of private Persons.

GREAT Part of the *Finsbury* Estate, instead of being disposed for the Use and Convenience of the Inhabitants of the City of *London*, has notoriously been suffered to remain a Receptacle and Resort for Thieves and disorderly Persons.

THE Buildings between the *Mansion-House* and the Prebendal Estate is, in general, not only very mean and improper to occupy such a Situation, but shuts out any Avenue leading to the Front of the *Mansion-House*, and is an insurmountable Impediment to a free and easy Access into the Heart of the said City, from the many principal Roads North thereof.

BY the great Increase of the Inhabitants, Trade, and Commerce of the City of *London*, proper and suitable Habitations and other Conveniences have been long wanted for the Merchants and others, concerned in such Trade and Commerce, and many of them on that Account have unavoidably been driven to other Situations, very inconvenient and ill-suited for carrying on their Affairs to the best Advantage.

IT is the general Opinion of disinterested Persons, that the Opening a new Street, about Fifty-three Feet in Width, from the *Mansion-House* to communicate with the said Prebendal Estate, and the disposing, laying out and building upon that Estate, would not only effectually remove the several inconveniencies before enumerated, but be of public Ornament and Utility.

THIS Design has been thought of and matured with a View to the public Service only, and the Expence of making the necessary Purchases and Buildings being estimated at 150,000*l.* a Subscription is proposed of Shares of 1000*l.* and 500*l.* each for raising that Sum; one Half to be appropriated to the Citizens of *London*, and the other to the Merchants and others, subscribing, and the Subscribers to be armed with all necessary Powers not only to execute the Plan, but for the future Management of the Undertaking.

TO obviate any Inconvenience as far as may be to the Inhabitants of the Houses which must necessarily be taken down, it is proposed first to build a sufficient Number of Houses in the vacant Parts of *Finsbury* Estate,
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for the Accommodation of those Persons, until they may return to an improved Habitation as near their old one as may be ; and that these Difficulties may be the less felt, it is proposed to proceed from the *Finsbury Estate*, and approach towards the *Mansion-House* in a Way that may be of the least Disadvantage to the Inhabitants in the intermediate Space.

THIS great and necessary Work, however worthy Attention, has hitherto been passed over and neglected, and such Inattention hath given rise to the present Application, which, if found to stand upon disinterested Principles, will, 'tis hoped, draw to its Aid that Countenance and Assistance which it shall appear to merit.

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